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09/973,847	10/11/2001	Toshiyuki Kasai	110837	9089

TITLE OF INVENTION: DRIVING CIRCUIT INCLUDING ORGANIC ELECTROLUMINESCENT ELEMENT, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, AND ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE

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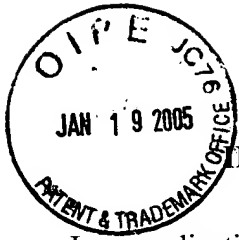
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Docket No: 110837

Toshiyuki KASAI

Appln. No.: 09/973,847

Group Art Unit: 2133

Confirmation No.: 9089

Examiner: F. Alphonse

Filed: October 11, 2001

For: DRIVING CIRCUIT INCLUDING ORGANIC ELECTROLUMINESCENT ELEMENT,
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, AND ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEVICE

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's statement regarding the reasons for allowance, on page 1 of the Notice of Allowance mailed October 20, 2004, please enter and consider the following comments:

COMMENTS

Applicant does not acquiesce to any inference or presumption drawn from the Examiner's statement regarding the reasons for allowance. Further, Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's statement regarding the reasons for allowance.

The Examiner's statement regarding the reasons for allowance loosely paraphrases the language of the claims and makes errors when quoting that language. For example, the

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Examiner replaces the word "carried" with the word "carry" when quoting claim 22. Also, claim 22 includes the word "or." The Examiner's representation of claim 22 omits the word "or," thus representing an incorrectly narrow scope for claim 22. Also, the Examiner's introductory comment regarding what the invention relates to introduces language not found in any of the allowed claims. Thus, that language should not be considered in construing the scope of the claims. Therefore, the Examiner's statement regarding the reasons for allowance does not accurately represent the claimed invention.

Further, the Examiner's statement regarding the reasons for allowance makes a representation regarding what is claimed. Independent of the extent to which the Examiner's representation fails to correspond to or properly quote the claim language, the representation does not pertain to all of the allowed claims. However, the Examiner does not indicate the specific claims in which certain features are recited and the specific claims in which they are not recited. Consequently, the Examiner's statement regarding the reasons for allowance could be incorrectly construed to imply that each and every allowed claim requires all of the features mentioned by the Examiner. Each and every allowed claim does not require all of the features recited by the Examiner. Some claims were allowed for other independent reasons. This is evident in the claims themselves and in the Examiner's Office Actions and the Applicant's replies thereto.

Applicant submits that the allowed claims speak for themselves, and do not require additional clarification to determine their respective scopes.

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Please enter Applicant's comments into the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark R. Woodall", written over a horizontal line.

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